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2nd Congressional District
Louisiana

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Governor John Bel Edwards
State of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Secretary Shawn Wilson
Department of Transportation & Development
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu
City of New Orleans
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New Orleans, LA 70112

Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman
Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office
2800 Perdido St.
New Orleans, LA 70119

Dear Governor Edwards, Secretary Wilson, Mayor Landrieu, and Sheriff Gusman:

We write with an urgent request for coordination between state and local agencies to relieve traffic concerns resulting from emergency repairs on the Interstate 10 Highrise Bridge leading into New Orleans East.

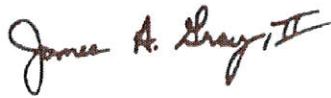
We acknowledge the emergency work that is necessary on the Highrise Bridge and appreciate your efforts in that regard. The situation we currently find ourselves in is not a result of any action on the part of the state or local government. We also recognize this work is being undertaken with speed. However, the work is causing extreme inconvenience for our constituents who are required to travel the route each day for work or other matters. Additionally, the impending holiday increases the urgency of our request.

Again, we acknowledge this work can't be avoided and we do not ask for its premature conclusion. However, we do ask that your agencies increase coordination and provide the necessary assets to ease the flow of traffic on the immediate Interstate 10 arteries that are being

overwhelmed due to the change in traffic on the Highrise. More specifically, we are requesting State Troopers, New Orleans Police Department Officers and Sheriff's Office Deputies to control and expedite traffic on the other arteries leading to New Orleans East, including the Lakefront entrance and Chef Menteur Highway.

We thank you for the necessary work you have undertaken on the I-10 Highrise. We stand as partners in this effort until its conclusion and appreciate your concern for the safety of our constituents.

Sincerely,



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